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**COMMISSIONER SIMINGTON ADDRESSES APCO's EMERGING
TECHNOLOGY FORUM**

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 3, 2021—Yesterday, FCC Commissioner Nathan Simington gave a keynote address to APCO's Emerging Technology Forum.

Commissioner Simington noted:

“For twenty years now, high hopes for public safety use of the 4.9 GHz band have been unrealized, and this increasingly valuable spectrum has mostly lain fallow. This situation does not serve the public safety community well, but the solution is to find uses for the band that do. I’m happy that my colleagues at the FCC have agreed to explore an exclusive-use licensing model for commercial use of this band. I think an exclusive-use licensing model will prove more beneficial—operationally and economically—than the either the current model or any of the other alternatives explored by the FCC in recent years.”

The text of Commissioner Simington’s remarks may be found at:

<https://www.fcc.gov/document/simington-november-2021-apco-emerging-technology-forum>

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